



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/561,888 Confirmation No.: 1131
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Title: **Hinge with Stiffened Leaf**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated October 31, 2007, Applicant submits the amendments and remarks which follow for the above-referenced application. An Information Disclosure Statement filed under 37 CFR §1.97(c)(2) is also filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims begin on **page 2** of this paper.

Remarks begin on **page 13** of this paper.

Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and Other Fees

A one (1) extension of time (small entity) is requested under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the date for response to February 29, 2008. The extension fee is \$60.00 (small entity). Please charge this fee and any additional fees that may be required, to our **Deposit Account 04-1679**. A duplicate copy of this page is attached.